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Frog.] Cousin Richard and Brother Tom, let us fall into serious Consultation : 'Tis in every one's Mouth, current upon Change, that John Bull is resolv'd shame- to compound the Law-Suit, which we have ed on Successfully for so many Years.

Frog.] I suppose, Brother, you mean successful- for the Frogs ; poor John has small Reason to of the matter.

Frog.] Thou art such another Brother, there is the fellow of thee ; still repining at the Prospe- of thy own Family.

Frog.] I don't desire my Family should flourish the Downfal of Honest Men, especially Friends ; John Bull, once the opulent Clothier of the old, sought to, and courted by all the eminent Myers of Westminster-Hall, can scarce get Money ee a young hearing Counsel of a Years standing : as come, and he can do nothing, unless he mort- the small Pittance remaining to him of a very at Estate, and you are so unconscionable to grutch in the keeping of That.

N. Frog.] Rot your Conscience ! What's Con- nence to a Tradesman ? Had I stood upon Con- nence, old Lewis had still enjoy'd those glorious annors, and delicious Parks, which John spent his Substance to get for me : I tell thee, Boy, Bull st be brought lower yet, even with the Ground, fore the Frogs can hope for flourishing Days,

R. Frog.] Well said, old Nic. I faith ; we must hear of a Composition till the Bubble be so en- ely fleeced, that he may give us no further Je- lousie

lousie of ever being able to interfere, either in
 or interest, with us.

T. Frog.] If that be all, you may e'en ag-
 Morrow. Old Rowly, who has been a Spy
 twenty Years, and never gave us false Intellig-
 lays, He can't last another Term: What with
 curing furberrime for, forfeited Bonds, and
 gages; Procuration-money, paying Interest upon
 tereft, Fees to Serjeants, Bailiffs, and Bum-Ba-
 to ward off Writs, Executions, Decrees, and
 lawries, for the Debts already contracted, John
 of all his great Income, has not five Shillings
 Pound left to go to Blackwell-Hall Market,
 a Trade, and support his numerous Family.

N. Frog.] So much the better: We must not
 him any Stock to Trade withal. I have thought
 a way to beggar him quite. He is very fond
 his Wife and Children; cou'd never deny them
 they asked: I know that conceited *Mistress* (who
 has her self upon having taken him out of my hand
 and the whole brood of them, as well as John
 self, love all sorts of good Chear, even to a de-
 of Gluttony: They can't live without their Ro-
 and Sirloins of Beef, Chines of Mutton, and
 not. Now, if we could but get in with old *L*
 he, with his *Ways and Means*, might procure a ge-
 ral Excise to be laid upon all Flesh, which
 quickly carry off the rest of John's Substance,
 make the fifteen Shillings, which you say he now
 Twenty. Besides, raising the price of Bullocks, which
 will make well for the Frogs, having such num-
 rous Herds of Cattle to drive to Market; John
 won't think of Rum till it comes upon him;
 and his Family will ne'er make two Wants of
 they must cramb their Guts to Day, tho' they
 sure to starve to Morrow.

T. Frog.] That's undoing many for the sake of one
 Plague of your Conscience; Hadn't we Taxes enou-

twenty Kingdoms? But you must be contri-
new, and inflicting a general Calamity, that
may gain a particular Benefit? Hides are
already, as well as the Land on which they
What, would you out-do the French Task-
? Even under his Government, the most Ty-
at that we know of, Flesh is not Taxed, ex-
only in some few rich Cities; and, if you con-
you'll find, in that very Country, several things
empt from Taxing, which are subject to them
a Bull's way of Trade and Living.

Frog. John must be Exhausted, that's for-
further Incumbrances can we lay upon him?
— Let me see! — All gone but his Manour
locks-Hatch; Why then he must and shall Mort-
ghar.

Frog. A Mortgage won't do, Man: Here are
from those honest Fellows you formerly re-
ended to be his Servants: they are diligent
for us; John Maspy, John Pettifogger, and
the Jew, they advise, That if John Bull can
ought immediately to sell his whole Patrimony
Ruin, together with the Equity of Redemption of
past Mortgages. why then, truly, he may
be able to Law it on one Year longer.

Frog. Ay, marry, this is talking to the Par-
this will do, and bring John under, with
spiring Housewife Madam Bull (as she would
have Eliza South call her:) Ah, if his first Wife
wed! I say no more; but the English had
over, and John a Bankrupt some Term ago.

Frog. But if he wont sell his Patrimony, how

Frog. Suppose we play booty, and by under-
consent with old Lewis's Attorney, suffer him
a Verdict this Term, we'll order the Matter
John Bull shall believe, all the Blame lies at
his door, Sir, Roger, and the new Attornies.

If he have but as much Gall as a Pigeon, bring him to take old Hocus again, and then, Lads, the Day must be our own.

N. Frog.] I hear the Composition is in such wardness, that there will be nothing done this. The Lawyers may go whistle, or blow their gers in the cold Hall, for any more Money they like to get of John, unless we can puzzle the Trick. Yet I think he can scarce bring it to bear, without my consent : By Vertue of that Deed he signed when he was Drunk, I have power to Look into a Family-Affairs : I am made Executor to his last will and Testament, and Guardian to his Children : I must find some way to keep him under, that he dare not take a Servant without my Recommendation.

R. Frog.] If we could but get the Flirt his out of the way, and that Miser Sir Roger, we will make John Drunk again ; I'll raise the Devil, and throw those two Imps of his out of John's Pocket. There are was abroad, of ruining a Family in Nights time ; Can't a man sell his Wife and Children as they do in China ? We must ask Hocus whether it will stand good in Law ? In that Corner man may Play away himself and his Progeny, at a Game of Cards.

N. Frog.] We must find some Trick to Drive John Bull's Posterity from giving us, the Froggs, molestation in our Trade and Possessions. So we will way for Hocus, and Honest Counsellor Double's Advice ; If we could but once see John sell his whole Patrimony, when the Money is gone, we should quickly bring his Family to Contribution.

R. Frog.] A good thought : Is there any Difference between publick and private Power ? Can we as well Enslave one Man to another, as it is to be Subject to his Prince : If a Person makes over

he has in himself to me by an irrevocable and
 any way more blinding, than the Law can devise,
 after That, as much his Sovereign, as if I
 born so: some such means must be thought on
 to bid John. He has done as preposterous things,
 as wonderful too: He hath several Sons that are
 Fellows, and have got strong Hands to work
 ; let every one of them pay two Shillings a
 er out of his Labour: Have they not also Eyes
 feet, and Hands? In a late Reign, all the Na-
 was taxed for their Heads; we'll have John
 Family Taxed to the utmost; they shall pay
 every Limb: nay, if we once get the Power,
 Tax them to their very Skin,
 Frog:] And then Cousin Dick, you shall see
 love to John himself; Out of my abundant Af-
 on (and which Tom here, will scarce believe,
 he sees it) I mean to secure him a Conveniency
 the Common-side of the Queen's Bench, or the
 Prison: he shall take his Choice, and a share
 the Basket, which in Charitable times have been
 with Sixteen or Twenty Pound per Man, where
 best John, thanks to the care of his true loving
 eds, may live upon free Cost, for the rest of
 life.

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